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Application of: Shigetaka TANAKA

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR GROUP 3 FACSIMILE CAPABLE OF PROPERLY

PERFORMING A COMMUNICATIONS OPERATION USING OPTIONAL FRAMES

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## AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION IN RESPONSE TO JULY 15, 2003 OFFICE ACTION

This Amendment, and a Request for Continued Examination and a Petition For Extension Of Time enclosed herewith, are submitted-inresponse to the final Office Action dated July 15, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims are provided in the Listing of Claims section which begins on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.